

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (currently amended) A method of conducting a game of chance by a game of chance administrator wherein an entrant pays an entry fee and obtains a chance to win a predetermined, specified currency amount ~~fixed payout~~, said method comprising the steps of:

selecting a subject of said game of chance;

wherein said subject of said game of chance is a combined outcome of multiple sports games occurring within a plurality of specified, consecutive time frames;

establishing measured performance criteria relating to said subject of said game of chance;

establishing a number of participants n in said subject of said game of chance;

establishing a number of participants r whose measured performance will be combined for purposes of said game of chance;

determining each permutation nPr of n participants whose performances will be combined in groups of r in said game of chance;

creating a game record for each said permutation, the number of game records limited to the number of permutations;

assigning each said game record a unique game record identifier;

establishing a predetermined, specified currency amount as a fixed payout sum to be paid out to winning entrants with respect to games occurring on a single one of said plurality of specified, consecutive time frames without regard to games occurring on others of said plurality of specified, consecutive time frames;

creating a game record having each of said unique game record identifier and said multiple sports games and said plurality of specified time frames thereon;

receiving an entry fee from an entrant in exchange for assignment to the entrant of one of said permutations, as evidenced by said unique game record identifier;

providing said the entrant with said visual game record~~access to said permutation assigned to the entrant;~~

determining the at least one winning permutation following the event or group of events on which the game of chance is based; and

paying said predetermined, specified currency amount as a fixed payout sum to two one or more entrants holding winning permutations with respect to games occurring on a single one of said plurality of specified, consecutive time frames without regard to games occurring on others of said plurality of specified, consecutive time frames.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended) The method of claim 1 ~~2~~, wherein said visual ~~paper~~ game record further comprises:

a game entrant record portion having said unique game record identifier thereon;

a game administrative record portion having said unique game record identifier printed thereon; and

a perforation separating said game entrant record portion from said game administrative record portion, so that said game entrant record portion is retained by the entrant and said game administrative portion is retained by the game administrator.

Claim 4 (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said game entrant record portion as an entrant payout chart printed thereon, said entrant payout chart including at least one said permutation assigned to the entrant, said permutation corresponding to said unique game record identifier.

Claim 5 (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising an additional step of combining at least two said subjects of said game of chance to form a subject set and entrant is assigned a permutation for each of said subjects.

Claim 6 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said subject of said game of chance comprises football games played by teams of the National Football League during a designated game week and step of establishing a number of participants is said subject of said game of chance comprises using the number of teams playing in the National Football League.

Claim 7 (original) The method of claim 5, wherein said subject set comprises at least two designated weekends of football games played by teams of the National Football League.

Claim 8 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of creating a record for each said permutation comprises creating said record in a computer database, wherein said step of assigning each said record a unique game record identifier comprises assigning said unique game record identifier to said record in said computer database, and wherein said step of providing the entrant with access to said permutation assigned to the entrant comprises directing the entrant to an internet web site where the entrant can access said corresponding permutation by entering the entrant's said unique game record identifier.

Claim 9 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said subject of said game of chance is a marathon and said step of establishing a number of participants comprises selecting prior year participants having a time less than a predetermined maximum.

Claim 10 (original) The method of claim 9, wherein said step of establishing measured performance criteria relating to said subject of said game of chance comprises establishment of said selected participants' time for completion of said marathon.

Claim 11 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of establishing a number of participants whose measured performance will be combined for purposes of said game of chance comprises combining the measured performances of at least two participants.

Claim 12 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of receiving an entree fee from an entrant is accomplished by a processing entrant's credit card charge.

Claim 13 (original) The method of claim 12, wherein said processing of entrant's credit card charge occurs over the internet.

Claim 14 (original) The method of claim 8, wherein said step of receiving an entree fee from an entrant is accomplished by a processing entrant's credit card charge.

Claim 15 (original) The method of claim 13, wherein said processing of entrant's credit card charge occurs over the internet.

Claim 16 (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein each entrant having a permutation containing said winning combination in any order receives a payout of the predetermined, specified currency amount as a ~~fixed~~ payout sum.

Claim 17 (canceled)